

CELEBRATING INDIAN CULTURE AND ART

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A common breakout area in green

colour theme

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Spread across eleven floors (with first two floors dedicated to car parking), the company follows its design philosophy of creating collaborative spaces through and through. Each floor has a pantry cum breakout area located in the centre, on one side are smaller meeting rooms with colour and art splashed in, on the other are the bigger meeting spaces.

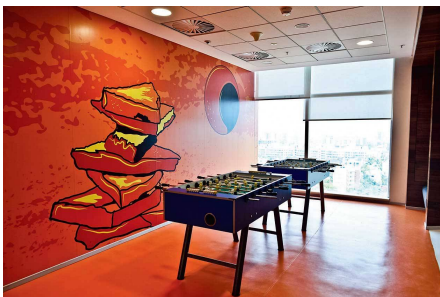
What's really interesting and visually appealing is the fact that while the office has all the elements of modern day design, there is an emphasis on incorporating Indian elements through artworks that showcase various dance forms, popular monuments and architectural beauties from the country, even birds and fauna. These are mindfully integrated into the workspace and the colours, mainly green, orange and blue are chosen keeping in mind a global appeal — given the company has its headquarters in California with regular international visitors. Each floor has a colour code that helps employees recognise which floor they are on.

The company also focusses on promoting awareness towards the environment; the common areas make abundant use of natural light while there is also an organic waste converter on the campus to help in recycling the waste. It is among one of the few offices that has LEED certification, given the usage of materials used inside the office are low on toxicity and have zero carbon footprint.



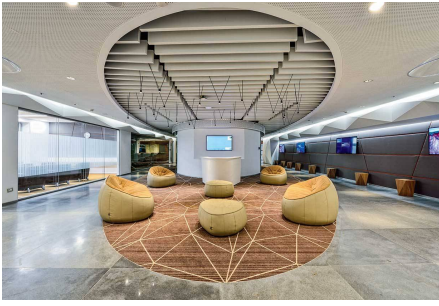
One of the meeting rooms with an Indian artwork

There's also a consciousness towards providing facilities for differently abled employees and guests alike - there are ramps to resting rooms to reserved and preferential parking for them.



The foosball tables in the colourful gaming room

Keeping employees happy and fostering a healthy work-life balance is at the core of VMware; pretty visible from the kind of space that's allotted for social meetings, there's an outdoor seating area that's perfect for colleagues to share a coffee over conversations, a well-equipped gymnasium with a variety of in-house fitness classes for employees, and plenty of games like snooker, foosball, table tennis and carom.



The executive briefing area that showcases products to clients & visitors

"The feedback that we normally hear is that the new office layout, choice of furniture, flexibility and ambience created exhibits a very transparent and progressive organisational culture," says Renuka Rajagopal, director of real estate & workplace at VMware India.

WHAT THEY DO: Virtualisation software company

NO. OF EMPLOYEES: 2800

OFFICE AREA: 398,550 sq ft.

DESIGNED BY: MMoser Associates

DESIGN PRINCIPLE: Open, collaborative spaces to foster a flexible working environment

HIGHLIGHT: Artworks showcasing popular Indian culture infused with modern architecture

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